

# Health News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Clallam County**

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Susan Ann Crabtree** (NC10031977) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, and theft.

#### **Grays Harbor County**

In February 2010 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **George H. Powers** (CH00001409) from terms and conditions set against his license.

#### **King County**

In January 2010 the Counseling Program denied the application of agency affiliated counselor **David Frances Benishek** (CG60126191). He entered into a deferred prosecution agreement on a charge of assault.

In February 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Stephanie L. Collier** (HC00009135) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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In February 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Frederick Kirk Conner** (CO60130003) and placed his certification on probation for two years. In 2004 his registration to practice as a registered counselor was revoked for five years for stealing hydrocodone pills from a client. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Johanne Dorvilias** (NC60121616) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She pleaded no contest and was sentenced to six months supervised probation for petit theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In February 2010 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Carl James Gross** (DE00005795) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to meet the standard of care while placing crowns on a patient's teeth.

In February 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Robert G. Haining** (MD00008934) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to appropriately monitor and treat patients creating an unreasonable risk of harm, and violating the standard of care.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Etheal Marsha Munde** (NC60096595) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of violation of no contact order — domestic violence, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Richard S. Parsons** (RC60066600) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of burglary on more than one occasion and allegedly failed to disclose the convictions on his application.

In February 2010 the Naturopathy Program charged **Kristi D. Tompkins** (NT00001626) with unprofessional conduct. While working as a caregiver, she allegedly left a patient alone for several hours before her shift was set to end and wasn't available when the patient awoke with extreme pain.

In February 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Shawnna L. Wood** (D160120671) and placed conditions against her registration. She was found guilty of reckless endangerment, reckless driving, and driving with a suspended license. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Robel E. Zegeye** (NC10077139) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of rendering criminal assistance, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

### **Kitsap County**

In February 2010 the Massage Program released **Mara C. Lindbergh** (MA00006369) from terms and conditions set against her license.

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### **Pierce County**

In January 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program denied the application of intravenous therapy technician **Samuel Hal Carter Wade** (ES60114784). He entered into three deferred prosecutions in Texas for sex offenses against children. He also provided a false or misleading statement about the sexual misconduct to a Department of Health investigator.

In February 2010 the Denturist Program amended the statement of charges against **Larisa Reznik** (DN00000325). On her application, she allegedly failed to disclose that she had a temporary denturist license in Maine, and that she was also licensed as a radiographer in Maine. Her Washington license was summarily suspended in November 2009 for being prohibited from practicing in Maine.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Jennifer Pence Rice** (NA60125545) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of theft and must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors charged veterinarian **Roy P. Wright** (VT00000971) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly practiced below the standard of care while treating a patient, and failed to keep adequate notes in the patient's charts.

#### **Snohomish County**

In February 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **J. Sara Hallett** (LH00007250).

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Nola Harb** (NA60072421) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

#### **Spokane County**

In February 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Carmen S. Fowler** (CO60128227) and placed her credential on probation. In 2009 her registration to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation for three years. She must comply with terms and conditions.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program released **Lonna M. Hughes** (RC00041756), also known as Lonna M. Pascal, from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against **Eugene P. Roberts** (NA00194226). He was convicted of possession of stolen property, and allegedly had sexual contact with a patient.

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## **Thurston County**

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs released **Elisa A. Yoder** (RC00055269, CP60005041), also known as Elisa A. Larsen, from terms and conditions set against her registration and license.

# **Whatcom County**

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Renee M. Sheek** (NC10060980) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

#### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Crystal K. Medina** (NC10096656) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

**Oregon:** In February 2010 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged **Phil L. Borngraeber** (RT00006904) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to remove a patient's hearing aid before beginning the MRI and failed to complete an incident report, document the event, or report the event to other staff.

**Oregon:** In January 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Bobbi S. Harter** (NC60080268). She entered into a deferred prosecution for attempted theft.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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